

Extreme Weather Policy

It is our policy to stay open if at all possible when there is severe weather. The School will not close because of snow. We feel that it is important to remain open for those parents who are relying on us to care for their children in term time. In the event of heavy snowfall, we cannot guarantee a normal school day, but will ensure that all children who come to school will be well looked after and will be provided with an educationally valid day. We will also do our best to make sure that the day is enjoyable.

Parents have the responsibility of getting children to and from school safely and need to decide if the journey is safe when snow and bad weather affects transport and/or walking conditions. We would ask that you inform the school by phone or e-mail if your child is absent due to severe weather conditions making the journey unsafe.

On occasions, If the weather is severe enough we will declare the day a "Snow Day" and will post this on the website as soon as possible. We will notify parents of this by Clarion Call.

In those situations if the decision is made, a message will go out on Latest News on this website before 7.30 am on the day in question, if possible. A message will also be put on the School Answer Phone from 8.00 am, if possible.

If your child arrives late for school he/she must, as is normal practice, report to the School Office so that we know who is in school throughout the day.

If weather or road conditions worsen during the day, you may decide you wish to collect your child earlier than normal. Please telephone or e-mail us before arriving at school. Children must be signed-out if they leave before normal pick-up time.

Please note that if you are delayed due to the weather conditions or for any other reason your child will be supervised until your arrival, whenever that might be. Your child will always be kept safe and warm.

In the event of severe weather conditions we will not operate any after school care and all children in school will need to be collected by 4.15pm to allow staff to return home safely.

Snow Work

Although you may wish your child to be playing snowballs and building a Snowman they also need to keep ticking over on their school work. It is our policy to give out work which 'keeps the children involved' with what is happening in school. 'Snow work' can be found in the 'Parent Zone' and is entirely optional. The work will be changed regularly, however, it is only designed to be a 'taster' and does not substitute being at school.